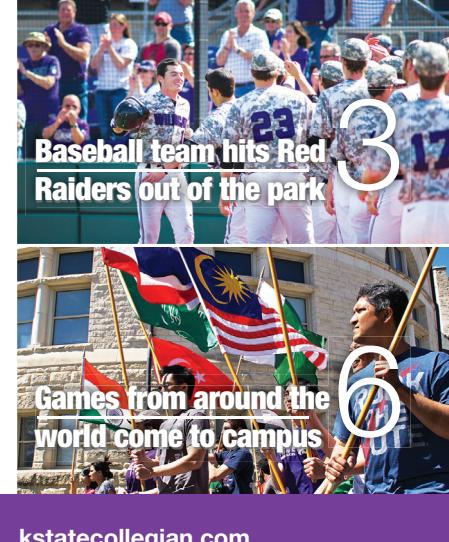




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## '8' sheds light on Prop 8, LGBT marriage equality

Jakki Thompson  
staff writer

Twenty-one current students, alumni, faculty and community members took the Nichols Theatre stage at 7 p.m. Sunday to see the stage reading of "8," a play that was created straight from the court transcripts from the California state proceedings concerning Proposition 8.

Proposition 8 was the state constitutional amendment that defined marriage as between one man and one woman. Two same-sex couples, Sandy Stier and Kristin Perry and Jeff Zarrillo and Paul Katami, filed suit against the state of California for acting unconstitutionally and discriminating against certain citizens. Late last month, arguments concerning Proposition 8 were heard before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"After seeing the production, I felt more well-informed and interested in the case," said Cat Huck, freshman in theatre performance. "It was a really great play. The mother's relationship

with her children was probably one of the hardest things to watch during the production. It was hard to see the son's reactions to hearing that they were 'illegitimate' and 'non-responsible' in the eyes of some of the people in the courtroom."

The production primarily focused on the legality of same-sex marriage within the state of California, but the secondary plotline focused on Stier and Perry and their two sons, Elliott and Spencer. Logan Barnes, freshman in theatre performance and dance, portrayed Spencer Perry on the stage.

"One of the hardest things for me playing this role was near the end with the brother characters," Barnes said. "There was this one line that my 'brother' said that absolutely astounded me. It was essentially that he had to watch his mom be persecuted for her so-called lifestyle."

Barnes said being a part of this production, and more specifically portraying one of the sons of one of the couples on trial, made him go

into his head and imagine if he would have grown up with two mothers or two fathers. He said he didn't think anything really would have changed for him if he would have grown up with two same-sex parents, because what mattered was that his parents have been there for him and have supported him over the years.

Barnes wasn't the only cast member that was affected by being a part of the show. Chloe Pyle, freshman in theatre performance, who played Nancy Cott in "8," told a narrative of her father's brother during a question-and-answer session and panel discussion immediately following the play.

"My dad's brother was gay and had contracted AIDS during the 1980s," Pyle said. "He inevitably passed away for that reason. Randy [my father's brother] had a life partner, but had no rights to make medical decisions for him. Instead, my uncle's parents, who lived states away, had to make the medical decisions for Randy. Randy's partner was able to go into

the room and visit him, but that was the extent of it."

Pyle said if Randy were still here, he would be fighting for the equality for all people, and be proud of Pyle for being a part of something like "8."

Pyle said while she was reading the script for the first time, the phrase "protecting the children" really struck her. She said she had never heard that phrase before in those exact words.

"I grew up around gay and lesbian families," Pyle said. "These parents love their children. I couldn't imagine protecting our children from people who are these children's parents."

There were characters in the production who were for and against Proposition 8, as it was created from the concluding testimonies from the actual courtroom in California on August 4, 2010. Even though Proposition 8 was found to be unconstitutional in California, it still went before the Supreme Court for a final ruling, which is expected around June.

## 1 killed, 3 injured in apartment shooting

Mike Stanton  
assistant news editor

According to a statement from the Riley County Police Department, one person has died and three others have been transported to hospitals with serious injuries after a shooting occurred early Sunday morning at the University Garden Apartments complex, located just off the intersection of Anderson Avenue and Seth Child Road.

Police responded to complaints of shots fired at around 4:10 a.m., and found four victims who sustained gunshot wounds. One person died at the scene. The extent of the others' injuries is unknown. The victims' names have yet to be released, pending notification of next of kin.

One suspect was taken into custody in relation to the shooting. The individual's name is not being released, as the investigation is still underway.

RCPD said they do not believe the incident poses any further threat to public safety.

## Int'l Week highlights different cultures

Mike Stanton  
assistant news editor

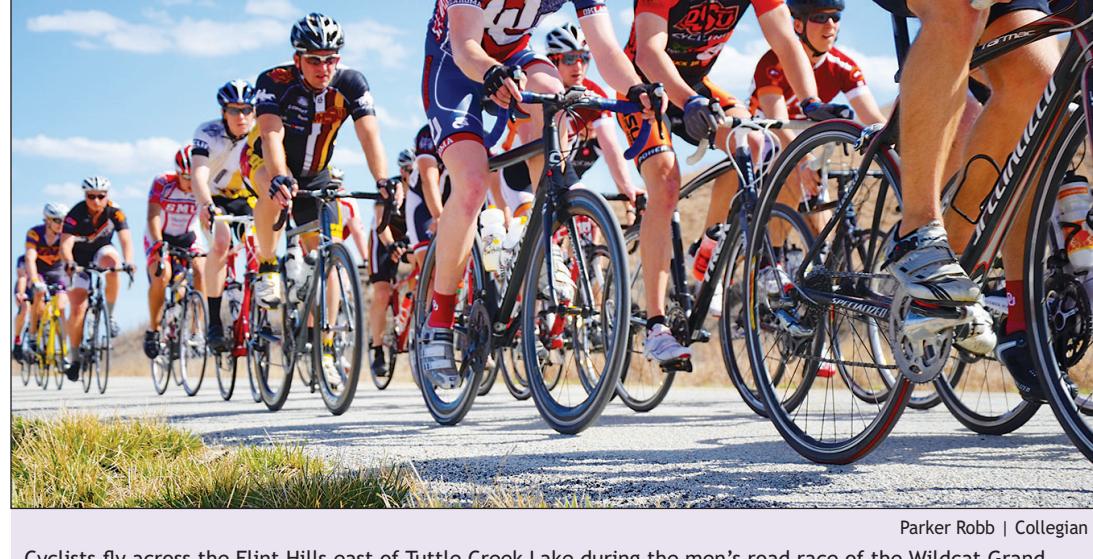
K-State's International Coordinating Council is hosting International Week 2013 this week. Beginning last Saturday and continuing through this Sunday, the week of celebration will feature "displays of music, dance, fashion and culture from around the world," according to the ICC website.

ICC, a group of international and American students and scholars representing over 100 countries, describes their objective as promoting fellowship and cultural understanding of people of diverse nationalities.

### Schedule

**Monday, April 8**  
Culture Exhibition  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Union Courtyard**Tuesday, April 9**  
Dance Lessons  
3-6 p.m.  
International Student Center**Wednesday, April 10**  
Panel Discussion: "International Student Growth Over the last 150 Years"  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Forum Hall**Saturday, April 13**  
International Dance Night  
9 p.m. - midnight  
Union Station**Sunday, April 14**  
International Talent Show  
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Forum Hall

## Wildcat Grand Prix held on campus



Parker Robb | Collegian

Cyclists fly across the Flint Hills east of Tuttle Creek Lake during the men's road race of the Wildcat Grand Prix, hosted by the K-State Cycling Club, on Saturday. Collegiate cyclists from all across the Midwest flocked to Manhattan to compete.

Jeana Lawrence  
staff writer

On Saturday and Sunday, parts of Manhattan and the K-State campus were closed due to the Wildcat Grand Prix, hosted by the K-State Cycling Club and USA Cycling. Both collegiate and non-collegiate riders raced in various competitions and categories throughout the Manhattan area.

On Saturday, riders competed in several distance races that ranged from 26 miles to 78 miles. There were also team trials, in which teams of cyclists competed against one another. On Sunday, parts of Manhattan Avenue, Pett-

coat Lane, Vattier Street and other parts of campus were closed for a one-mile track.

"We wanted to showcase K-State and its campus," said Tyler Rhodes, president of the K-State Cycling Club and junior in management information systems. "I chose this course because it had smooth pavement and it's safe."

Collegiate riders from 19 different Midwest colleges competed in the morning. The races were broken down into different categories of experience. Category A signified that a rider was very experienced while Category D meant that a rider was new to racing or had little experience.

Alex Blair, member of the K-State Cycling Club and freshman in architecture, raced in category D in the collegiate races and finished in eighth place. While this was his first collegiate race, Blair has been in three races previously.

"I liked mountain biking before," Blair said. "I figured I'd try road cycling and I loved it."

The non-collegiate races were hosted in the afternoon. These races were likewise divided into categories based on experience, ranging from one to five. Category five meant that a rider is new to racing while category one meant that a rider is very experienced. Category one was the step below

going pro, according to Rhodes. "We split them into categories so the riders would have a level playing field," Rhodes said.

M.K. Thompson, a K-State graduate in speech pathology and early childhood special education, competed over the weekend in the women's category four race. Thompson also recently joined part of the GP VeloTek team, one of the teams that comprises the USA Cycling Club, based in Topeka, Lawrence and Overland Park.

"It's the beginning of race season so I thought this would be the perfect race to come to, going back to my alma mater," Thompson said.

She also said that training included various hill workouts and riding every day.

"It's a commitment," Thompson said. "Some rides are hard and some are easy."

On Saturday, around 140 cyclists raced, and 200 raced on Sunday. Of these cyclists only a few were women.

"I just like USA Cycling because they bring in a lot of women cyclists," said Amy Fear, chief judge of the races.

According to Rhodes, planning for this event began after last year's races ended, and even more planning occurred in October. The Cycling Club had to find several Manhattan sponsors to help host and provide prizes for the winners of each race. They also had to coordinate with the Riley County Police Department to close off some public roadways.

"We're so thankful for the organizations who've helped us," Rhodes said. "We've gotten so many compliments on our professional manner. There's a lot of teamwork here that you wouldn't really get to see. It's a lot of fun."

## Powercat Paint Run raises funds, awareness for charity

Kaitlyn Dewell  
staff writer

More than 550 participants waited anxiously in Warner Park on Saturday morning for the signal to embark on one of the most colorful journeys K-State has to offer.

The chapters of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity paired up to create the "Powercat Paint Run," a philanthropy 5k race to raise funds and awareness for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. ADPi chapters all across the country have contributed to RMHC, the organization's philanthropy, since 1979, raising over \$5 million nationally for families in need.

ADPi's philanthropy chair, Kelsey Ritz, sophomore in social

work, said that they began planning the Powercat Paint Run early last September in order to properly address the logistic needs of the event. The goal, she said, was to create an exciting new event to not only create awareness, but a sense of vitality surrounding the cause.

"Our past philanthropies have

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A participant in the Powercat Paint Run 5k gets yellow paint powder thrown at her. The event, which took place at Warner Memorial Park on Saturday, was hosted by Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and Alpha Delta Pi sorority and raised money for Ronald McDonald House Charities.



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**THE BLOTTER****ARREST REPORTS**

Thursday, April 4

Toni Amanda Reis, of the 1900 block of Montgomery Drive, was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Joseph Kendall Studer, of the 3300 block of Shady Valley Drive, was booked for driving under the influence.

Anthony Aaron Bosch, of Miami, Fla., was booked for probation violation. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Friday, April 5

Keith Isiah Glenn, of Wytheville, Va., was booked for extradition of an imprisoned person. No bond was listed.

Dustin Cody Collins, of the 700 block of Fourth Street, was booked for felony theft. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Walter Warren Jr., of

Lawrence, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Clinton Ray Schriener, of the 800 block of Pottawatomie Avenue, was booked for aggravated robbery. Bond was set at \$7,500.

Ronald Tyler Bicknell, of the 1000 block of Colorado Street, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license and failure to appear. Bond was set at \$780.

Ryan Michael Tatum, of the 400 block of Walters Avenue, was booked for four counts of failure to appear. Bond was set at \$400.

Saturday, April 6

Willard William Dison, of the 400 block of Walters

Drive, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$500.

Antonio Cortez Brown, of Fort Riley, was booked for obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$750.

Ariana Celeste Agnew, of Fort Riley, was booked for disorderly conduct and obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Joseph Luyen Pham Gardner, of St. George, Kan., was booked for failure to appear. No bond was listed.

Wesley Wayne Roddy, of

the 300 block of 11th Street, was booked for three counts of housing for other jurisdiction. No bond was listed.

Terraine Jones, of the 1300 block of Marlatt Avenue, was booked for domestic battery and violation of protection orders. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Sunday, April 7

Andrew Bolton Jameson Jr., of the 2700 block of Buttonwood Drive, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

-compiled by Katie Goerl

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## BASEBALL

## Three-game sweep over Texas Tech attracts crowd

Sean Frye  
staff writer

The K-State baseball team swept the Texas Tech Red Raiders in their three-game weekend series with scores of 6-5, 15-2 and 12-2. The Wildcats' record improved to 23-10 and 6-3 in Big 12 play, while the Red Raiders' record fell to 17-17 and 4-8 in the conference.

"I feel pretty good; it was a good weekend," said Brad Hill, K-State head coach. "It was a good week of baseball for us."

Sunday's game was called due to a mercy rule, which states that if a team leads by 10 runs or more after seven innings on a team's travel day, the game is called.

**"It was a really good offensive weekend. Our nemesis had been trying to drive runs in, and we just did a nice job of that this weekend. Overall we just had a really solid weekend."**

Brad Hill  
K-State head coach

Friday's game proved to be the most exciting. The Wildcats trailed 4-5 going into the ninth inning. But then senior Jon Davis and sophomore shortstop Austin Fisher delivered two straight RBI singles to give the Wildcats the walk-off win.

That win came in front of the fourth-largest crowd in Tointon Family Stadium history, and Hill said he believed that the emotions following that win gave the Wildcats some good momentum.

On the flip side, the Red Raiders seemed deflated after the heart-breaking loss on Friday. It showed in the first inning on Saturday in which the Red Raiders gave up nine runs.

"The only reason [Friday's game] had an effect was that our starting pitching was so bad on Saturday," said Tim Tadlock, Texas Tech head coach. "We all know that momentum goes as far as your starting pitcher, and ours was really bad on Saturday. If you got a guy that crams it down their throat for eight innings, then no, it doesn't have an effect. But we looked like an immature team when our starting pitcher gives up nine in the first."

The top performer at the plate for the Wildcats was undoubtedly Fisher. He was 5-of-11 throughout the series with four doubles, four runs scored and the walk-off single in Friday night's game.

"I was seeing the ball well, so hopefully that can continue on



Sophomore first baseman Shane Conlon is greeted by his teammates after driving a two-run home run to left field that ended the game early due to a run rule at Tointon Family Stadium on Sunday. The entire Wildcat lineup registered a hit to end the weekend sweep of the Red Raiders.

Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Tuesday and then take that into next weekend," Fisher said.

Offensively, the Wildcats had a good weekend overall. The team scored an astounding 33 runs off of 45 hits.

"It was a really good offensive weekend," Hill said. "Our nemesis had been trying to drive runs in, and we just did a nice job of that this weekend. Overall we just had a really solid weekend."

Oddly enough, the Wildcats could have even performed better during the weekend. In Friday's game, the Wildcats left 11 runners on base, something that Hill said was the team's major weakness in that game.

"We addressed it, and we just wanted to get better swings," Hill

said. "When your focus is more on getting better swings as opposed to driving runs in, that kind of takes the pressure off."

The Wildcats will continue play on Tuesday with a home matchup against the Wichita State Shockers at 6:30 p.m.

"We're excited for that one," said sophomore first baseman Shane Conlon. "We're playing on our turf so we're going to be ready for that one."

**Parker Robb | Collegian**  
K-State players celebrate midfield after sophomore Austin Fisher batted Jared King in to score, giving the Wildcats a 6-5 walk-off victory over the Texas Tech Red Raiders Friday at Tointon Family Stadium.



## WOMEN'S GOLF

## Wildcats finish in 6th at three-day tournament

David Embers  
staff writer

The K-State women's golf team traveled to Texas to participate in the three-day Dallas Athletic Club Invitational. After the first day of competition, the Wildcats led the field, shooting a total team score of 294. However, gusty conditions on day two limited the scoring opportunities for the Wildcats, who

shot a 319 and fell to sixth place.

The final round, played on Sunday, saw the Wildcats post a 314 for a total tournament score of 927. That score will send K-State back to Manhattan finishing sixth out of 15 schools. The team was 63-over par for the entire tournament.

Individually, junior Gianna Misenhelter and sophomore Olivia Eliasson

led the Wildcats. Misenhelter rocketed out of the gates, posting a first round even par. However, she trailed off in the final two days, posting a combined 13-over par to finish tied for 13th. Eliasson had a more even weekend, posting scores of 77, 78 and 76. She finished the tournament tied for 20th.

Senior Whitney Pyle finished 18-over par for the

Wildcats, and tied for 26th. Rounding out the K-State team were sophomore Carly Ragains and senior Hanna Roos. They posted rounds of 27-over and 35-over, to finish tied for 46th and tied for 62nd, respectively.

Next up for the Wildcats is the Big 12 Championship on April 19, 20, and 21 in Rhodes, Iowa. The tournament will be played at Harvester Golf Club.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS

## K-State falls to TCU, Baylor over weekend

John Zetmeir  
staff writer

doubles point, but only senior Karla Bonacic was able to grab a victory on the singles side.

The Wildcats looked to bounce back from Friday's loss on Sunday against the Baylor Bears. However, the team came up just short against Baylor, falling 4-3. The pair of losses dropped K-State to 7-8 on the season and 1-4 in Big 12 play.

The Wildcats will return home for their next four matches to finish off the Big 12 regular season. On Friday, K-State will host No. 15 Texas Tech before wrapping up the weekend on Sunday against No. 24 Texas.

## TRACK &amp; FIELD

## Rodriguez headlines strong weekend in Arizona

Adam Suderman  
staff writer

In what was arguably the toughest meet of the season, the K-State track and field team put together a number of strong performances against several top 25 teams at the Jim Click Shootout in Tucson, Ariz., over the weekend.

Leading the way for the Wildcats was sprinter Carlos Rodriguez, who attained his second school record in the 200 meters. The sophomore

from Puerto Rico finished in 20.72 seconds, placing him in the No. 2 spot in the nation in the event.

Rodriguez also added a personal best time in the 100 meters finishing in 10.39 seconds. The time ranks fourth in school history and 18th in the NCAA rankings.

Continuing to build off of previous performances, the Wildcat sprint relay teams also came away with a number of strong marks.

The men's 4x100 meter

relay team consisting of Rodriguez and freshmen Ifeanyi Utuonye, Magnus Scott and Jordan Oakry placed third with a time of 40.18 seconds. The time is 10th in school history and 16th in the NCAA rankings.

Also finishing third was the women's 4x100 meter relay team with a time of 45.01 seconds. The team was made up of freshmen Jasmine Gibbs and Ashley Williams along with seniors Richelle Farley and Samantha McKnight.

In the long jump, Gibbs finished first with a jump of 19-06.25. Freshman Alyssa Kelly also placed, finishing sixth with a jump of 18-04.25.

Kelly also added to her first year resume by placing second in the triple jump with a leap of 40-06.75.

The Wildcats will head to Wichita this coming weekend to compete in the KT Woodman Classic. Events will take place on Saturday at Cessna Stadium on the Wichita State campus.

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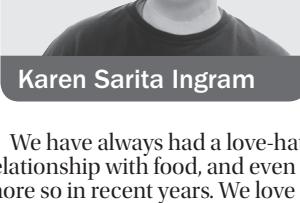
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## Attitudes on time, food in U.S. lead to unhealthy lifestyles



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Karen Sarita Ingram

We have always had a love-hate

relationship with food, and even more so in recent years. We love to eat, but with obesity running rampant in America and other developed nations, we're also taught to feel guilty about eating. This was running through my mind when I read about Rob Rhinehart, a software engineer from Atlanta who created a new beverage that is meant to replace food in our diet — permanently.

While most meal-replacement drinks, such as Slim Fast, are basically just chocolate milk with added vitamins and fiber, Rhinehart's product, named "Soylent" in honor of the book "Make Room! Make Room" by Harry Harrison, is basically just vitamins, carbohydrates and olive oil. There's no "food" in it, other than the olive oil. Rhinehart has been living off of his

product for weeks now and claims it has vastly improved his health and — more importantly — saved him precious time because he no longer has to cook food, wash dishes or go shopping.

I admit, I was enchanted by the idea when I first started reading up on it, but something nagged at me about the whole thing. Rhinehart claims he decided to create Soylent because he was exasperated by the amount of time he wasted every day preparing and eating food. According to a vice.com article by Monica Heisey, he got the idea because he resented how much time it takes to fry eggs for breakfast.

Eggs? Really? That's one of the fastest things possible to cook. As I switched to Rhinehart's blog "Mostly Harmless" at robrhinehart.com, I began to notice a couple of issues.

First of all, he's a little bit hypocritical. He claims one of his main reasons for inventing Soylent was to save time, but creating Soylent took a lot of research into nutrition and chemistry. He doesn't specify how long he spent doing his research, but it was probably days, perhaps weeks. He also had time to get blood work done regularly, which would require going to a

doctor or clinic, and we all know how time consuming that is.

He also clearly states in his blog that the ingredients for Soylent come from multiple sources, so he had to take time out of his busy schedule to track them all down and buy them. Sounds like Rhinehart will have a lot of time on his hands to work on his get-rich-quick scheme if his Kickstarter campaign is successful. I'm sure it will be, based on the amount of attention and feedback Soylent is getting.

What troubles me about Soylent becoming available for purchase is the lack of FDA regulations. Is Soylent a food or a supplement? If it's branded a supplement, the FDA will not regulate it. The FDA has decreed that it is up to the manufacturer of supplements to make sure their product is safe for the public and that the labels are honest. They don't step in unless something horrible happens.

Monster Energy Drink was labeled a supplement and unregulated until it started killing people. Vitamins also often do not contain the amount of nutrition their labels claim. A February 11 article by USA Today, for example, found that vitamin D supplements vary anywhere from 9 to 140 percent of

what the label claims is in each pill. That's a huge inconsistency.

What really bothers me about Soylent, however, is that this is a symptom of a much larger problem: our attitudes about time in America. We are taught that time is money, and we have to use every second of every day working our butts off if we want to make anything of ourselves, even if it means sacrificing time with family, time for our health, sleep and, now, eating. I'm reminded of this whenever I get a coffee in the Student Union. The cup reminds me that I should stay awake for life.

We need sleep to survive. That's a fact. We need food, too. This attitude that we don't have time for the things that are vital to survival is preposterous and illogical, but that's what we have become. We're proud of the fact that we don't have vacation time, that we work 50 or 60 hours a week and that we don't have time to sleep or eat food. Why?

We are the only developed nation I could find that does not have mandatory vacation time for our working citizens. In England, the government has decreed that working citizens must have five and a half weeks of vacation time each year. Paid. In Germany, it's

four weeks plus bank holidays, which basically adds up to five or six weeks total. In France, it's a minimum of five weeks.

All of these developed countries understand that working citizens need time off to recuperate so that they can be more productive when they do work. We even understood that here, at one time, when the government stepped in and declared that "full time" was 40 hours a week and that employers could not lock their employees inside the building to keep them working after hours.

Yet somehow, in between the tragic Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire and today, our attitudes have changed. Now we think that if we aren't constantly working, we're un-American. We think mandatory paid vacation time is for lazy socialists. We think we need Soylent because we don't have time to eat, and Monster Energy Drinks because we don't have time to sleep.

This is crazy. We're all crazy.

I'm going to go take a much-needed break from work and school by going home, cooking dinner and washing the dishes.

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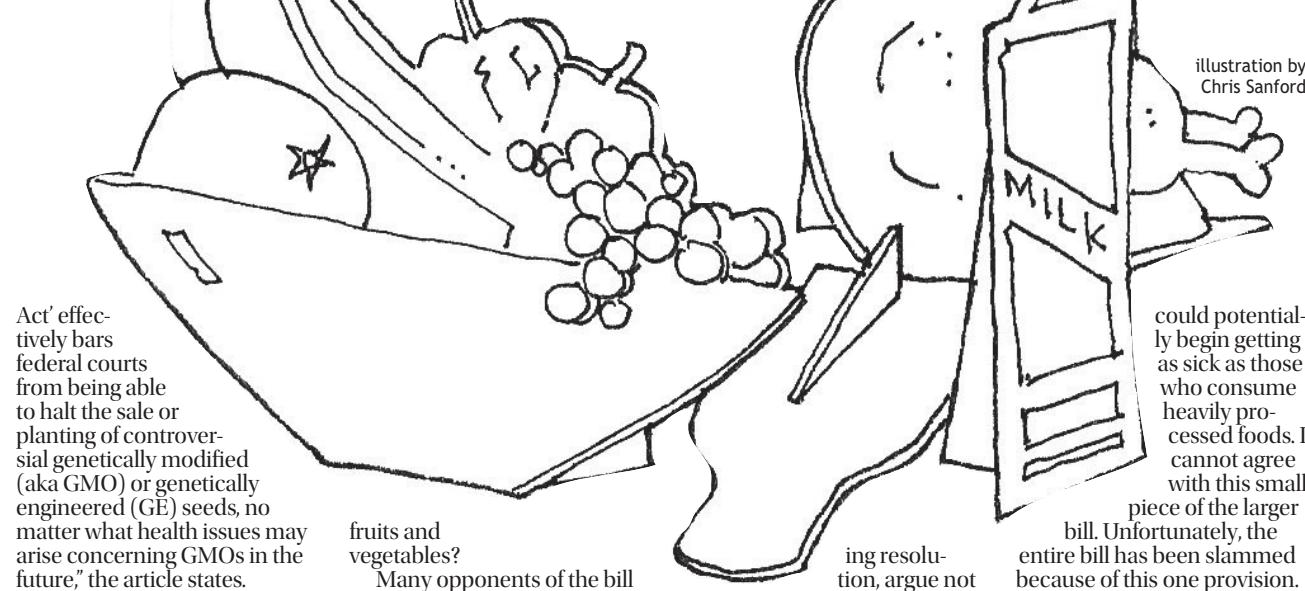
## Recent legalization of GMOs potentially dangerous; research needed



One of the best things, in my opinion, about attending college at a DI institution in the Midwest is the diversity of students—the various backgrounds they come from and where they plan on going. K-State offers particularly strong agriculture programs. Something these students may see in their futures is increased research or more education about genetically modified organisms, or GMOs.

According to a March 27 International Business Times article by Connor Adams Sheets, President Barack Obama signed a spending bill called "HR 933" on March 26. One aspect of HR 933—the Farmers Assurance Provision, or section 735 of the bill—has stirred controversy. Within the Farmers Assurance Provision is a clause that is essentially the Monsanto Protection Act, as it protects the Monsanto Company and their sale of GMOs.

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North and South America. The problem starts when large companies begin to be seen as being above the government. An April 4 article in The Guardian by John Vidal states, "According to an array of food and consumer groups, organic farmers, civil liberty and trade unions and others, this hijacks the constitution, sets a legal precedent and puts Monsanto and other biotech companies above the federal courts."

Our government operates in a system of checks and balances. There is no reason why anyone should be put above anyone else. More than that, companies should be regulated when they may be causing harm to hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of people in the U.S. and potentially all over the world.

This small part of an incredibly large piece of legislation will be a hot-button issue to look out for. You never know what you may be eating once these seeds and food crops begin circulating into the general population, and what lasting effects they could have on you and those close to you.

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Act effectively bars federal courts from being able to halt the sale or planting of controversial genetically modified (aka GMO) or genetically engineered (GE) seeds, no matter what health issues may arise concerning GMOs in the future," the article states.

This is where I begin to have a problem with bill HR 933. Essentially, this is the legalization of GMOs. In a conversation with a friend, I likened it to eating fresh fruits and vegetables without really knowing what is inside them. Sure, they came from the ground, but what genetic changes occurred for you to receive those fresh

fruits and vegetables?

Many opponents of the bill have come forward absolutely slamming President Obama for signing this piece of legislation. According to a March 28 CBS article by Lindsey Boerma, "Food safety advocacy groups like Food Democracy Now, which collected more than 250,000 signatures on a petition calling for the president to veto the continu-

ing resolution, argue not enough studies have been conducted into the possible health risks of GMO and GE seeds."

The health risks are a little scary for me. They should be scary for all of us, especially if you have chosen a healthier lifestyle. If you are vegan, vegetarian or just like eating fresh fruits or vegetables, you

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## International Week kicks off on Saturday with parade, games



ABOVE: Elizabeth Cardy (right), graduate student in theatre, and Rosa Tenelema (left), a teacher from Ecuador with the GoTeacher program, play a game called "kerim" while Mazeen Alqaseer (center), freshman in architectural engineering from Saudi Arabia, makes sure they play by the rules on Saturday in Bosco Student Plaza as part of International Game Day. "Kerim" is a Middle Eastern game that is similar to pool. The players flick a wooden chip and try to hit other chips into the slots in the corners.

RIGHT: The K-State International Week activities began on Saturday with a parade and an afternoon of games. With flags held high, international student groups paraded down Mid-Campus Drive, walking from the International Student Center to the Student Union, while singing their respective national anthems.

LEFT: Sin Dee Tey, junior in dietetics, plays a Chinese game called "Tou Hu" in which players toss slender, colored sticks, trying to get as many into the can on Saturday as part of the International Coordinating Council's International Game Day.



## PAINT | 'It is people helping people that is so important in this world'

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been fantastic, but we wanted something to really bring up the energy for Ronald McDonald House Charities," Ritz said. "We knew that past philanthropy 5ks for other fraternities and sororities had been so successful, so we thought, 'Why don't we do that, but add a twist?'"

The twist was the addition of multi-colored powder paint stations placed at each mile marker throughout the terrain course. Participants were each given a white T-shirt upon registration, which proceeded to be plastered by volunteers throwing purple, yellow and green pigments at the runners as they passed by.

Ritz added that the overwhelming participation of the K-State population, as well as the Manhattan community, was a pleasant surprise and an unexpected challenge.

"In the future, we hope to have the same level of support," she said. "We hope we

can grow with it through the city of Manhattan to keep it a stable and developing philanthropy."

Nathan Laudan, sophomore in food science, said that he first heard about the event on campus. As a former competitor in the Color Run in Kansas City, Mo., the philanthropy immediately caught his attention, and he managed to round up a group of fraternity brothers to share in the fun.

"I think it's a really neat idea," Laudan said. "A lot of organizations do 5ks, but I think the idea of having a more fun environment where we get to throw paint on each other attracts more people, so it definitely helps with the overall philanthropy in being able to give back."

Through the dedication and interest of participants like Laudan, the philanthropy was able to donate funds to the RMHC to assist families with children who are chronically ill or are receiving treatment for a variety of health

issues. Susan Smythe, CEO of Ronald McDonald House Charities Wichita and K-State ADPi alum, said that the funds raised will directly impact those families who utilize RMHC.

Ronald McDonald House Charities provides for and supports families who are going through medical crises," Smythe said. "About 60 percent of the families we help qualify for KanCare, so these funds will directly go to support those families in need."

In addition to providing room and board for these families, RMHC also serves to provide emotional support as well.

"If you went to a hotel room, and you open the door, it's just a dark room, and you're still facing your problems," Smythe said. "When you walk into a Ronald McDonald House, the first thing someone says is, 'Welcome! We're here to help you in any way we can.' That in itself is such a relief."

Smythe also wished to thank those who were dedicating their time and resources to the charity through the Powercat Paint Run and hoped that participants would understand what an impact they were making on the organization.

"What people are doing

today out of the kindness of their heart directly helps people," she said. "This is just one day, but everyone here is learning what giving is, and hopefully they'll do it throughout their life. It is people helping people that is so important in this world."

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